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1. LETTER FROM SECRETARY OF TREASURY GEORGE SHULTZ TO AUSTRIAN GOVERNOR OF IDA, MINISTER OF FINANCE ANDROSCH, WAS DELIVERED TODAY. ECON COUNSELOR DISCUSSED LETTER WITH SEKTIONSCHEF NEUDORFER, WHO IS NO. 2 MAN IN FINANCE MINISTRY AND IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AFFAIRS, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT LETTER WOULD REASSURE GOA OF USG COMMITMENT TO CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT FOR IDA. NEUDORFER SAID THAT MINISTRY OF FINANCE WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE POSITIVE COURSE AS FAR AS AUSTRIA'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO IDA ARE CONCERNED.

2. NEUDORFER SAID THAT AUSTRIA'S SHARE OF IDA'S
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FOURTH REPLENISHMENT WAS 30.6 MILLION DOLLARS, THAT

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MINISTRY OF FINANCE IS MOVING FORWARD WITH NECESSARY
LEGISLATION AND THAT MATTER WILL GO TO COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS FOR DECISION DURING FEBRUARY. HE EXPECTS
FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION BY COUNCIL BUT POSSIBLY SOME
DIFFICULTY WHEN LEGISLATION IS CONSIDERED IN PARLIAMENT.
NEUDORFER COMMENTED THAT MOOD OF SOME OFFICIALS WAS
NOT FAVORABLE TOWARDS LDC'S IN VIEW OF RECENT
EXPERIENCES AT NAIROBI WHERE LDC'S HAD INVARIABLY
VOTED WITH THE OIL PRODUCING STATES. NEUDORFER ALSO
MENTIONED THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE CORTWDOR TALK IN
SOME INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT PRESENT MAGNITUDE
AND SCHEDULE OF FOURTH REPLENISHMENT MUST BE REVIEWED.
HE REITERATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE FELT CERTAIN GOA WOULD
CONTINUE ITS SUPPORT TO IDA.

COMMENT: THOSE GOA OFFICIALS WHO FOLLOW THIS SUBJECT CLOSELY
UNDERSTAND AND ARE GENERALLY SYMPATHETIC TO USG
VICISSITUDES IN OBTAINING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR
THE IFI'S. NEVERTHELESS, THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN
CONGRESS COMBINED WITH IMPLICATIONS OF ENERGY CRISIS COULD
CREATE SOME DIFFICULTIES FOR GOA ACTION ON REPLENISH-
MENT, PARTICULARLY IN AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT.HUMES

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